number of cases, it was decided to announce the scheme permitting reversal of MODVAT credit to the above said category of exporters.

(c) The number of exporters and amount of revenue loss to the exchequer can be quantified after all the relevant records are scrutinised by the Government and information compiled.

(d) The said category of exporters who availed to reverse MODVAT Credit by 31.3.97 is to be dealt with in accordance with the law. Show cause notices are in the process of being issued against the merchant exporters.

India's Trade with USA

2300. DR. GOPALRAO VITHALRAO PATIL : Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to refer to the answer to Unstarred Question 325 given in the Rajya Sabha on 25th February, 1997 and state India's total trade with United States of America in 1994-95 and 1995-96?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (DR. BOLLA BULLI RAMAIAH): India's total trade with USA during 1994-95 and 1995-96 were of the order of Rs. 24887.93 Crores and Rs. 31262.79 Crores respectively. The statistics of India's exports to and imports from USA for the years 1994-95 and 1995-96 are as follows:

(Values in Rs. Crores)

Year	Exports	Imports	Total Trade
1994-95	15764.32	9123.61	24887.93
1995-96	18457.54	12805.25	31262.79

Source: DGCI&S Calcutta

SC/ST Employees in the Ministry of Commerce

2301. SHRI RAM GOPAL YADAV: SHRI ISH DUTT YADAV:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the SC/ST employees in his Ministry and undertakings under its control get a fair deal in the matter of recruitment;

(b) the total number of officers and staff of these categories alongwith their names and designation and promotion chances; and

(c) the number of vacancies in its control and how long it will take to fill up these vacancies?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (DR. BOLLA BULLI RAMAIAH): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The total number of Scheduled Caste and Scheduled Tribe employees in the Ministry of Commerce and undertakings under its control is 2063 and 558 respectively. Detail of their names and designation is given in the Annexure [*see* Appendix 180, annexure no. 48]. The service conditions including promotion of the Officers of these categories are governed in accordance with the rules/ regulations and instructions issued by the Government from time to time.

(c) The total number of vacancies for SC/ST employees in the Ministry of Commerce and its undertakings is 138. Any time frame to fill vacancies cannot be estimated accurately due to reasons such as responses to recruitment announcements, suspension of recruitment due to economy orders, winding up of some organisations, etc.